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US Proposes Creation Of Western Germany Govt.

Chiang Promises An Offensive

Nanking, Apr. 8.—President Chiang Kai-shek announced today that the Government forces in Central China will assume an all-out offensive to crush the Communists south of the Yellow River within the next three months.

The Generalissimo's announcement coincided with a military spokesman's revelations yesterday that operations in Central China will be given top priority.

The Generalissimo, who was speaking to a group of National Assembly delegations from Honan who interviewed him regarding the critical military situation created in that province by the Nationalist evacuation of Loyang, said the Government High Command is now preparing a full-scale offensive against the Communists in Central China which will be launched before July, and it is expected that the Government forces by that time will be able to fight back towards Loyang.—Reuter-AAP.

FIVE-POINT PROGRAMME FORMULATED

Urgent Demand For Consolidation

London, Apr. 8.—The United States has proposed a five-point programme setting up a West German Government within just over a year, it was learned here tonight.

The five stages in the plan are believed to be:

1. The formation of a provisional Government embracing the present Anglo-American Bizon and the French Zone.
2. A territorial reorganisation of the Laender (Provincial Governments), whose present borders are determined by the zonal division of Germany.
3. The election of a Constituent Assembly.
4. The drafting by this Assembly of a constitution.
5. The formal establishment of a new West German Government.

The United States plan is believed to be the main subject of tonight's meeting in Berlin of the United States, British, French, Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg representatives considering the German situation, according to a reliable source here.

It is believed to have been framed in the light of recent events in Berlin and to represent the latest official attitude in Washington and at the United States occupation headquarters in Frankfurt and Berlin.

The British representatives at the meeting of experts in Berlin are reliably reported to have given broad support to the United States initiative to revise the timetable of the zonal fusion.

Observers here believe the Americans are in a mood to press ahead with their programme, because, in their view, the recent crisis in Berlin has increased the urgency of consolidating Western Germany politically and economically as part of the wider design for the recovery of non-Communist Europe.

Italians To Govern Trieste

AS FROM APRIL 12

Rome, Apr. 8.—The Allied Military Government in the Free Territory of Trieste has announced that as from April 12, the civil administration of the Anglo-American Zone will be transferred to the local Italian authorities, according to an Allied communiqué quoted by Rome newspapers.

The office of the Zone Commissioner and all communal institutions of the Allied Military Government will be abolished with the exception of those at Muggia, south of the city, which is close to the Yugoslav border.

The transfer of the civil administration is due to take place at 9 a.m. local time on April 12, when the British and American flags will be lowered, the reports said.

MILITARY LIAISON

A new office would be established under the control of the Director of Internal Affairs on which the American Brigadier General R. Galtier will serve as liaison between the civil and military authorities in the Zone.

It was authoritatively learned in London tonight that all the functions of municipal government, except those concerned with public safety and order, will be handed over to local representatives.

Save Water

Dried Ice may do the trick, but it will still be your responsibility to

These will be appointed by the Allied Military Government as elections cannot be held during the present provisional regime.

The choice, it was added, will fall on responsible persons carrying weight in their districts. Communists will be excluded, but non-Communist Slovenes as well as Italians will be eligible.—Reuter.

CAUSE OF DECISION

London, Apr. 8.—The big powers' deadlock on the appointment of a Governor of the Adriatic port of Trieste, a principal battleground in the "cold war" between East and West, was the direct cause of the Allied Military Government's decision, announced tonight, to transfer almost all local administration to the Italians, it was authoritatively stated here.

The new arrangement does not directly affect the already announced wishes of the British, American and French Governments to hand back the Free Territory as a whole to the Italian Government.

Mr. John Beasley, the Australian High Commissioner in London, has told the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, that the Australian Government believed all the 21 signatories of the Italian peace treaty should be consulted on the three-power plan to return Trieste to Italy.

Mr. Beasley's talk with Mr. Bevin on the matter last week was followed today by a statement in Canberra by Mr. Herbert Ewart, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, in which he declared that the proposals of the United States, Britain and France might "prove a final settlement of the Trieste problem, but this is not the way to reach it."—Reuter.



Reparations For H.K.

Piled high on the Chatham Road sidings of the Kowloon-Canton Railway are huge crates containing the first Japanese reparations for Hongkong. Originally consigned to the United Kingdom, they have been re-addressed to the Supplies, Trade and Industry Department, Hongkong, as our pictures clearly show. The Colony has so far received 160 cases, containing machinery and machine parts. The consignment was brought to Hongkong by the Loksang.



Escort Protection For British & U.S. Planes

LIKELY MOVE BY BERLIN AUTHORITIES

Berlin, Apr. 8.—Britain and the United States tonight considered plans again to protect their air traffic into Berlin with fighter escorts.

The question was taken up after Britain received a curt Russian refusal to grant written assurances of no intervention in the Western powers' air corridors over the Soviet zone, to and from this discord-ridden capital. Night and day meetings brought six top American, British and French administrators into close consultation for the reported purpose of taking deterrent political action in the impasse. The three powers were believed to be speeding the economic integration of their three zones.

The British spearheaded the contest with the Russians over the air traffic issue. The British had asked Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor, to put into writing "oral guarantees" that Allied air access to Berlin would be safe and unhindered.

SOVIET TURNABOUT

Today, however, the Russians balked and performed an abrupt turnabout. In a sharply worded reply—which was splashed in all the Soviet-controlled press—the Russian Marshal characterized as a "slander" the British charge that the Soviet fighter was to blame for the crash.

A British spokesman said that the tone of Soviet Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky's reply to the British protest over Monday's collision indicated that the Russians were not giving any assurances of safety for Allied planes entering Berlin.

He said it seemed that Sokolovsky's written reply appeared to weaken or erase verbal assurances which had previously been given by Sokolovsky to General Sir Brian Robertson when the latter visited him on Monday night to make a personal protest on the crash incident.

When asked in what light the British Government considered the reply to General Robertson's note the spokesman said: "I cannot answer that."

PLANE ON ITS COURSE

The spokesman reiterated that the British transport plane was "on its course" at the time of the collision. The Russians claimed that the plane was off its course and over a Russian airfield at the time of the crash.

Official American sources said that if the British established fighter escorts for their transport planes, the U.S. would fully support it.—Associated Press.

Haganah Lose Mt. Kastel

ARAB COMMANDER DIES FIGHTING

Jerusalem, Apr. 8.—The Arab's Jewish Army drove the Haganah garrison out of the hilltop stronghold of Kastel today. Arab officials said Abdul Khadder Hussein, a cousin of the Mufti, was killed while personally leading the Arab attack.

Hussein was commander of the Jewish Army which operates in the hills around Jerusalem.

Haganah, the Jewish militia, fought a six-day battle to hold Kastel after seizing the Arab village before dawn on Saturday in a drive to blast open Jerusalem's supply route to Tel-Aviv. Arabs promptly counter-attacked the village five miles west of Jerusalem, but Haganah rushed in reinforcements until a force of 1,500 men was estimated to be holding the hill and village dominating the road to Tel-Aviv.

Aring command of the Jewish forces has been taken over by a professional soldier and one-time police inspector, Kemal Effendi Arab, pending designation of a new commander.

JEWS WITHDRAW

Cross checked casualty reports said nine Jews were killed and 30 wounded in the final fighting at Kastel and five Arabs killed and a dozen wounded.

Before they were driven out two food convoys of about 50 trucks each had reached Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews, who have been rationed on bread.

Haganah units cleared the way of roadblocks and snipers for a 50 convoy which reached the city today. Jerusalem was threatened by a water shortage even as the second convoy arrived. Reliable informants said Arabs had cut the pipeline from Ras el Ein, 15 miles northeast of Tel Aviv, on the supply.

Two sources of water, Jerusalem's two second source, Ain Farah spring, is of limited value because of restricted supplies of fuel oil for pumping.

BITTEREST FIGHT YET

The six day fight for Kastel was the bitterest yet fought in Palestine's four and half months battle that began with the Partition vote at the United Nations.

Jews rushed the hilltop site of an ancient Roman fortress before dawn on Saturday and managed to repulse almost all attacks since that time.

Abdul Hussein's forces, however, strengthened by units from dozens of nearby villages, today brought a barrage of mortar and automatic weapon fire into play to retake the position.

From its initial disorganised state six weeks ago the Yarmuk headquarters have now been given an orderly appearance. Radio, field telephone and fighting systems have been installed by British volunteers and German army trained engineers, and a medical corps established.

In the medical corps, as chief nurse is the pretty young daughter of Fawzi Bey.—Associated Press.

Calcutta Strike Collapses

Calcutta, Apr. 8.—The strike of the Central Government employees in Calcutta virtually collapsed today when 700 men from three of the largest offices offered to return to work unconditionally.

It is estimated that only about 1,500 men, out of 20,000, remain on strike. Over 400 of these are in police custody.—Reuter.

Close Escape For King Paul Of Greece: Escort Train Derailed

Tripolis, Greece, Apr. 8.—A Greek train ahead of one carrying King Paul and Anglo-American officials was derailed near here today and plunged down an embankment.

The train carrying the King and his party stopped 100 yards behind the wreckage.

General James Van Fleet, head of the American Military Mission in Greece, was on the train with the King.

Four soldiers were injured. Officials said there were no definite indications of sabotage.

The group was on an Army inspection tour.

The guard train was a steam engine plus seven cars, heavily loaded with soldiers except for one which contained an armoured car mounting a 37 mm gun. The Royal train was a two-car Diesel.

The guard train, testing the rails, rolled slowly through the Parthenon and the locomotive and first car passed the switch 100 yards beyond the station safely. However, the last five cars were derailed at exactly the same switch. They exactly the same switch. They rocked, ripped out 200 feet of rails and plummeted down the embankment.

After the Diesel streamliner

stopped, tall, stalwart King Paul climbed out, walked up the track and looked over the wreckage. He watched the wounded soldiers dragged out and remarked: "It was lucky, no one was killed."

He then chatted with General Van Fleet and other American and British officers for an hour, pending the arrival of a convoy. The King was dressed in naval uniform.

When he arrived here, he insisted on telephoning Athens at once to talk to the Queen, who is convalescing from an appendectomy.—United Press.

Egypt Ready To Assume Trusteeship

Cairo, Apr. 8.—Egypt is ready to accept a temporary trusteeship over the Holy Land, the evening newspaper Al Zaban said today.

The conditions which the Egyptian Government laid, added the newspaper, are:

- 1.—Trusteeship should cover the transition period between the British mandate and the coming phase of complete independence for Palestine.
- 2.—Trusteeship should aim for the unification of Palestine under a United Government in which the Arab majority and the Jewish minority would take part.
- 3.—The United Nations should solve the complete partition plan in order that Arab governments will be sure that the Trusteeship committee over the Holy Land will not prepare for implementation of the plan.—Associated Press.

BRITISH EVACUATION

Jerusalem, Apr. 7.—6,208 Britons will be evacuated from Palestine on May 15, it was officially revealed in Jerusalem today.

They will comprise Government officials and police personnel and their families.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

The New University

THE address delivered by His Excellency the Governor to the Court of the Hongkong University enables the public to possess a much clearer appreciation of the type of University which is envisaged for the future. Hitherto the objective has been described in such generalised phrases as "a seat of higher learning of which we can be proud," and "the University must be an institution measuring up to modern requirements."

Sir Alexander Grantham cut clear of sentimental generalisations and in consequence the public knows, for the first time, the sort of programme which has been mapped out to make Hongkong's University worthy of a prominent rating among the world's academic and technological institutions. Moreover, the future University which His Excellency conjured up goes a long way towards meeting the criticisms expressed recently as to its relative importance in the Colony's educational activities. When it has attained its full state of development it promises to offer training facilities of such diversity in technical, research, marine, zoology, architecture and town planning, public health and dentistry, all of which possess importance because of their local applicability. The Hongkong University of the past has been rather inclined to place emphasis on academic and professional tuition and has provided

little or no scope for the technician, or for the specialist. The majority of the Arts graduates have become absorbed into the teaching profession, and the doctors into small private practices, with little or no opportunities of further distinguishing themselves. There is room for much valuable expansion of training facilities through a University properly equipped and staffed, especially in the promotion of Marine Zoology which, as the Governor pointed out, is a subject which has important practical consequences for a major industry of the coasts in and around Hongkong. It is an obvious advantage, also, to possess a central institution for higher technical training rather than a group of technical institutes. All in all, His Excellency made out an appealing case for vigorous public support of a new and expanded University. The blue-print is there and it is likely to receive general approval. Unfortunately it cannot be put into effect immediately; it will probably take another 10 years to reach its fulfilment. But it is an objective worth striving after, and now that it has been fully outlined, there will be fewer complaints about Government's four million dollar allocation to repair damaged buildings and its decision to raise the annual maintenance grant to one and a half millions. The Governor's revelation of the future design for the Hongkong University is certain to arouse new public interest in Hongkong; it is equally certain that a similar degree of enthusiasm and financial support be forthcoming from the neighbouring territories which stand to gain so much from a first class University in Hongkong.

SOVIETS' BOYCOTT

The agreement on the committees issue was reached at a meeting of the Kommandatura after the Russians, on grounds of shortage of personnel and the need to streamline the organisation, had kept up a week-long boycott of the committees.

The sub-committees, which the Russians originally proposed to dissolve, were building and housing, transport, economic, social welfare, fuel, property control, and denazification and cultural affairs.

It was agreed to allow the economic sub-committee to remain functioning, to refer the question of the property control sub-committee to the Allied Commandants, and to abolish the rest.—Reuter.

FRENCH MISGIVINGS

Paris, Apr. 8.—The reported American plan for setting up a Western German Government by the end of this year—of which the French Foreign Ministry denies any official knowledge—created great misgivings among French officials.

An unofficially reported, the American plans seem to provide for the election of a Constituent Assembly for the whole of Western Germany, and this, the French fear, will lead to the formation of a strongly centralised Government based on strongly organised individual Landers (States).

M. Couve de Murville, France's representative at the talks in Berlin between the British, American, French, Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg representatives, is expected to oppose the setting up of a Western Central German Government.

The French view is that a government set up at Frankfurt could never hope to influence the German scene away from the centre of attraction, Berlin, where any government, even one controlled by the Russians, would have more appeal.

—Reuter.

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Hobson's choice: A dress 'born'

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IT WAS MADE OUT OF THREE BRIDAL VEILS

By PATRICIA LENNARD



VALERIE HOBSON AND
SUSAN GIBBS
are 300 years old.

THREE dresses made news at the premiere of the film, "Blanche Fury," at the Odeon, Leicester Square, London recently. First worn by Valerie Hobson, both in the film and at the premiere. Girls at the studio made this full-skirted, ankle-length dress out of three bridal veils of creamy, Brussels lace, 300 years old. It had a low neckline, tiny sleeves and short Brussels lace mittens matching the tiny bow of lace at the back of her hair. Red velvet roses trailed from the waist, the same shade as her high-heeled satin sandals, and round her neck was a back-to-front five-strand pearl choker; the ruby and diamond clasp at the throat.

LEATHER SHOES

Inside the second dress was 10-year-old Susan Gibbs, who is in the film; this, too, was of Brussels lace, over pale blue satin with pale blue satin sash. Her New Look included red leather shoes and a "Red Riding Hood" scarlet velvet cloak. Third frock-in-the-news was on Hazel Court. It is the first time I have seen an ordinary price-controlled dress, made by a British wholesaler, worn by one of our stars to a premiere.

It was in plain black wool, trimmed with black moire, with a near-ankle-length hemline, any woman can buy a similar frock. With it, Hazel wore here red hair in an attractively fresh style; short, and curled round the head, including the soft, fluffy "bang."

COLDER BUT FLESHIER

Why is it, at premieres, that the colder the night, the fleshier the horizon? Jean McFadyen was one of many women in strapless, low-cut dresses—had a black satin



HAZEL COURT
price-controlled.

apron skirt over her pink and black striped dress, a silver filigree collar which husband Colin called "early Georgian," but which I think is contemporary Indian.

Successful Indoor Gardening

By ELEANOR ROSS

WORKING with living things, which respond to kind treatment by growing and becoming more beautiful, brings a satisfying feeling of accomplishment and joy to the soul. Which is why so many of the famous people are enthusiastic gardeners! But many city children, flat dwellers that they are, must perforce forego this pleasure.

It is a grand idea to at least take up indoor gardening, and devote a small portion of the kitchen or utility room as an indoor gardening centre, and invest in a stock of plants. Growing plants, used as accessories, add interest and charm to the decorative scheme throughout the house, no matter how plain or pretentious it may be, no matter the decorative scheme. Developing a green thumb is always a delight, especially since the majority of plants respond beautifully to even a modicum of care.

Plant Scissors

Keep in one spot a sharp knife, plant scissors, various plant foods and such, together with a basin, a water pail and a sprinkling can. With all the necessary items conveniently located, the routine care of plants takes but a few pleasant minutes. For the amateur, such plant varieties as sansevieria, philodendron, ivies and geraniums, can be grown with little difficulty. Most plants thrive on a thorough watering each week. Use tepid water and at the same time spray the leaves gently to wash away accumulated dust. An easy way to tackle both operations is to set the plant, container and all, into a pail. Then sprinkle gently from overhead, using the sprinkling can. Set the pots on newspapers to dry before returning the plants to their places.

Besides this weekly care, some plants may require additional water. If the soil becomes dry or powdery, water the plants as often as necessary. But remember, it is important not to over-water most varieties of house-plants. If you have any doubt about taking care of a plant, get full instructions from the florist or nursery from which it was purchased, and stick to the director that are given.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Only if there is a high percentage of red cedar in a cedar chest will it be effective for keeping your clothes and blankets free from moths. After about three years this effectiveness wears off; then crystals of paradichlorobenzene should be scattered through the articles stored in the chest. Oil of cedar is thought to make other woods moth-proof, but it won't. Use moth crystals for the best protection.

The fruit jar method of washing fragile laces is excellent. Put the lace in a jar half filled with warm, soapy water, screw the lid on tight, and shake vigorously. Run several fresh waters in the jar for rinses.

MARRIAGE DEALS OF EX-G.I.s

The U.S. Immigration Service agrees that the course of true love doesn't always run smooth, but the Cleveland bureau chief, Floyd Ault, says he views suspiciously some of the international affairs of the heart that wind up in his domain.

Ault said he believes some of them may have been "engineered." Most of such cases arise out of the law which permits a veteran to bring a foreign girl into the U.S. to marry her. The boy puts up a \$5500 bond to guarantee he'll walk down a church aisle with her, and then the government gives them 90 days to make arrangements.

According to Ault's theory concerning some of the cases, the law is just being used to get marriageable girls from the "old country" into the United States.

Syrian Girl Jilted

For example, he said, recently a 17-year-old Syrian girl arrived from Lebanon to marry a Cleveland veteran. Immediately they got a licence and set the date. Then the boy's American girl friend saw the announcement in the paper.

The bridegroom-to-be talked it over and made a decision. The day before his scheduled wedding to the Syrian girl they eloped.

But her brother married her. But the brother wasn't a veteran.

U.S. Takes Bond

Ault found a law permitting the girl to stay, but the \$500 bond went into the government's coffers. Ault said he was a little suspicious of that one but an international "romance" involving an Italian girl recently left no doubt in his mind.

In this case, he said, "friends" persuaded a veteran to exchange letters with an Italian girl. An "engagement" followed and his family put up the bond and paid her plane fare.

The girl stopped from the plane at the Cleveland Airport, took one look at her fiancé and declared nothing on earth would convince her to marry him. She went right back to Italy—at her own expense.

Choose Powder Very Carefully



Marguerite Chapman of the movies selects her face powder scientifically.

By HELEN FOLLETT

MANY women select complexion powders in the most casual manner. But what can you expect? Few of them really know the colour of their facial coats. At least that is what beautician tells us, and they add that every powder buyer needs advice from one who knows all about the matter.

The cutaneous surface may be creamy, ivory, almost beige, even a light yellow with interblends of flesh tints that may be rosy, florid, or a delicate pink. Also, one's face is not always the same. A digestive upset, a cold, a spell of nerves and it may go almost chalk white. It is a health barometer, in a way.

Selecting Powder

When selecting powders, try to find a shade that conforms but is slightly darker. It will impart a soft appearance, while a shade a bit too light make the skin look cold, without character.

As for the consistency of the powder, that depends upon whether the sebaceous glands are busy little workers or are loafing on the job. The dry skin needs a powder with an oily base, the oily epidermis calls for a light, fluffy powder that will go on smoothly without much friction.

Clean Surface

Some day we will dispense with powder and rouge pads, finding some kind of substitute that will be used just once and then discarded. To ply the pad on a skin surface that is not scrupulously clean is to force atmospheric dust into the pores.

Some fastidious women cut tiny squares of absorbent cotton, keep them in a covered glass jar. Cotton isn't as satisfactory as the lamb's wool pad, we allow, but it is better for the health of the skin. Facial operators use it with good results.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

What General Tin Learned

—You Shouldn't Turn Down Book Corners—

By MAX TRELL

GENERAL Tin the tin soldier was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names: "Now I've hunted a lot of strange animals in my time—the monkey-faced gabbius, the chickadinx, the five-foot walligator, the winkle-dinkle, and the yellephant with pop-corn eyes. But the strangest and oddest and most extraordinary animal I ever hunted in all my born days was the woonk."

"The what, General?" asked Hanid in surprise.

Common in Africa

"No, my dear—not the what. The woonk. Haven't you ever heard of the woonk? It's very common in the middle of Africa, especially in the summertime."

Neither Hanid, nor Knarf had ever heard of the woonk. They had never heard of the monkey-faced gabbius, the chickadinx, the five-foot walligator, the winkle-dinkle, nor the yellephant with the pop-corn eyes.

General Tin shook his head sadly. "You've just never been to Africa in the summertime, that's the trouble. Well, just so that you'll know, I'll tell you about all those creatures. Please remember what I say. The monkey-faced gabbius has a face like a monkey and is always talking. Nobody ever knows what he's talking about, because no one can ever get near enough to it to find out. The chickadinx is a bird with a head like a blown-up paper bag. It lives on sawdust and old pins. The five-foot walligator has five feet and lives under damp walls. The winkle-dinkle lives under ground. Like a mole, it sleeps all day and then, when night comes, it turns over on its other side and goes to sleep again. The yellephant with pop-corn eyes is always yelling for pop-corn. When it doesn't get any, it sits on a rock and cries. And then there's the woonk."

Look Through It

Knarf and Hanid waited for General Tin to describe the woonk. "The woonk," said General Tin, "is so thin that you can look right through it. You never really see



Before General Tin knew it, the Woonk was gone.

the woonk. You always see the woonk standing next to it. But it has a good appetite. It eats the edges of grass, the undergrowth of leaves, and the tips of shoelaces. It's a very gentle animal, and makes a fine pet. I once kept a woonk for many years. It used to eat out of my hand. I kept it inside an old story book. But one day—dear me, how I hate to remember that day. My poor woonk!"

"What happened?" Knarf and Hanid asked anxiously.

Reading the Book

"I was reading the book, quite forgetting that it was inside it. Then, when bedtime came, I turned down the corner of the page, just so as to remember my place. I should never have done that. Suddenly the woonk let out a howl and came springing out of the book. I took a quick glance. In turning down the corner of the page, I had accidentally turned down the woonk's ear. Out the window it went. I never saw it again."

"You—you should never turn down the corners of pages in books," Hanid said.

General Tin nodded sorrowfully. "I've never done it again. Yes, my dear, it not only hurts the woonk, but it also hurts the book. And I don't know which is worse. But anyway, that's the story of the woonk. And I do hope you'll remember it."

COIN AND POP BOTTLE TRICK

By CLYDE J. OGDEN

WHILE eating lunch one day, our milk bottle cap—the flat kind—suddenly popped into the air and landed in the dessert. No one touched it. It "just happened."

This was caused by changing temperature within the bottle. Bottles removed from a refrigerator, or even from cold water, will "blow their tops" if the caps are light enough and not fastened down when the change in temperature takes place.

Here's a similar trick you can use next time you're at a party or when you want to show your friends how smart you are.

Wet the mouth of a pop bottle, place a coin over the opening, then grip the neck of the bottle in your hand. In a few seconds the heat of your hand will change the temperature in the neck of the bottle



and the coin will lift itself up like the lid of a tea-kettle under steam pressure. The warmer your hands the better and sooner it will work. It is also better if the bottle is not full, leaving plenty of air space in the bottle's neck.

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—7



Ann Doreen and Billy both wish they could set out with Rupert, but they have other things to do, so the little bear goes off alone. "I hardly know how to begin," he thinks. "Now, who would be most likely to understand what makes sunshine?" Wandering along in deep thought, he suddenly sees a bent old figure ahead of him. "Why, it's Gaffer large," he says. "He has lived longer than anyone round here, so he should be terribly wise. Hi, Gaffer! Do please stop a minute."

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RED RYDER



Temptation

By Fred Harman



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



STILL POPULAR—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister and now leader of the Conservative Opposition, is surrounded by cheering admirers during an election tour on behalf of Conservative candidate Fred Harris in the North Croydon by-election.



ARRESTED—Gertrud Scholtz-Klink, 46, head of the women's branch of the Nazi Party throughout the war, who was long thought to be dead, has been arrested near Tuebingen, Germany.



PARADED AFTER CAPTURE—Greek guerrillas, captured after the shelling of Salonika, Greece's second city, are here photographed being marched through a street in a small town on their way to imprisonment. Leading the group are two girl guerrillas.



BEACH BEAUTIES—Spring temperatures at Atlantic City, New Jersey, brought these bathing girls to the beach earlier than usual.



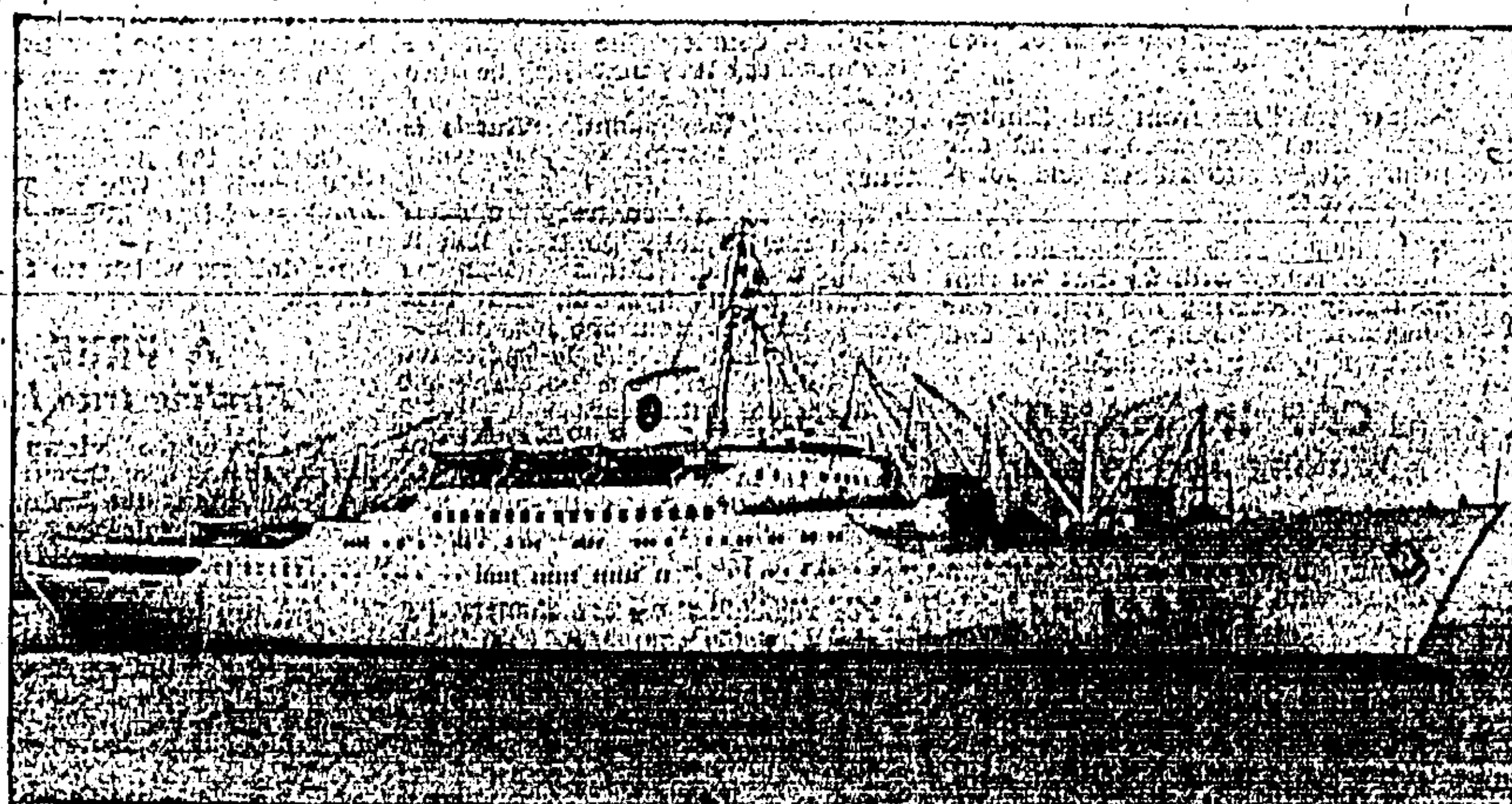
VETERANS PICKET SHIP—Catholic war veterans march in a picket line on a Jersey City pier where the 10,000-ton Russian freighter, Chukotka, was being loaded with tractors, farm and industrial machinery and automotive parts for the Soviet Union. The veterans sought a boycott of all shipments "which might be used in war against us."



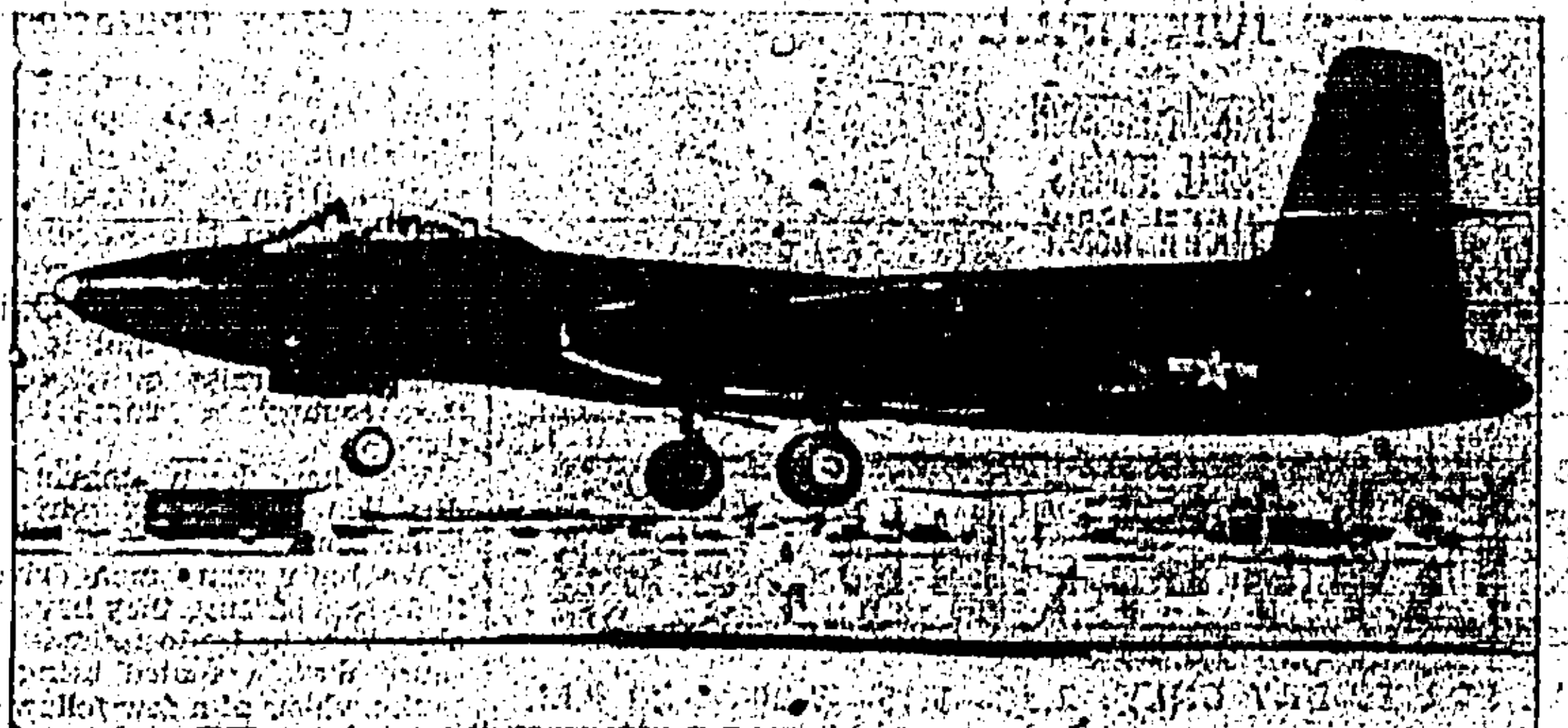
CITIZEN OF THE WORLD—Henry Noel, 24-year-old former Harvard University student, reads a newspaper at his home in Kassel, Germany, after renouncing American citizenship to take up life as an ordinary labourer in Germany. He said his decision was not motivated by any "personal dislike" for the U.S., its people or its policies.



ENVOY—Alexander Lavrishev, 36, a trouble-shooter for the Kremlin, has been named new U.S.S.R. Ambassador to Turkey.



NEW LINER—The new Swedish-American liner, Stockholm, arrives in New York on her maiden voyage from Gothenburg, Sweden. This streamlined ship carries 271 passengers.



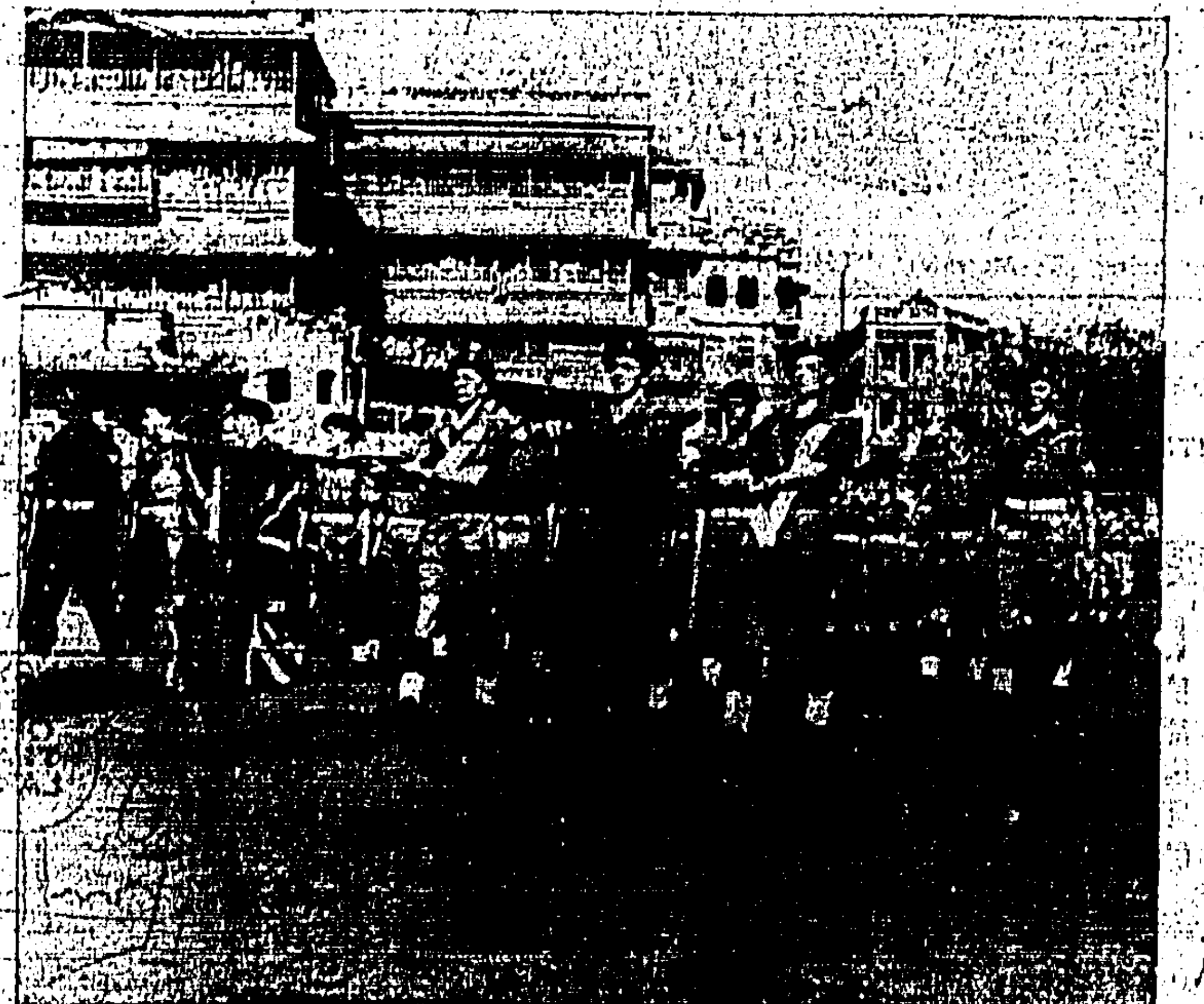
FIRST FLIGHT—The U.S. Air Force's new four-jet fighter, the XP87, which weighs only slightly less than the famous Flying Fortress bomber, rises from the runway at Alamo, California, on its first test. It remained aloft for over an hour.



HAPPY THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES—Senator Glen H. Taylor, Democrat of Indiana (left), and Henry Wallace are happy after Taylor announced himself a willing candidate for the Vice-Presidency on Wallace's third party ticket. Note the "Wallace 48" button on Taylor's lapel.



ILLONA, who went to the United States from Germany to marry a G.I., only to find he had married, received 1,789 proposals in a week after a newspaper published her story. She married a Minnesota engineer.



GOODBYE, TOMMY ATKINS—Members of the 1st Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry, last British troops in India, march through the streets of Bombay before leaving for home. Organized in 1685, the Regiment fought in Italy, Normandy, Germany and Burma during the war.

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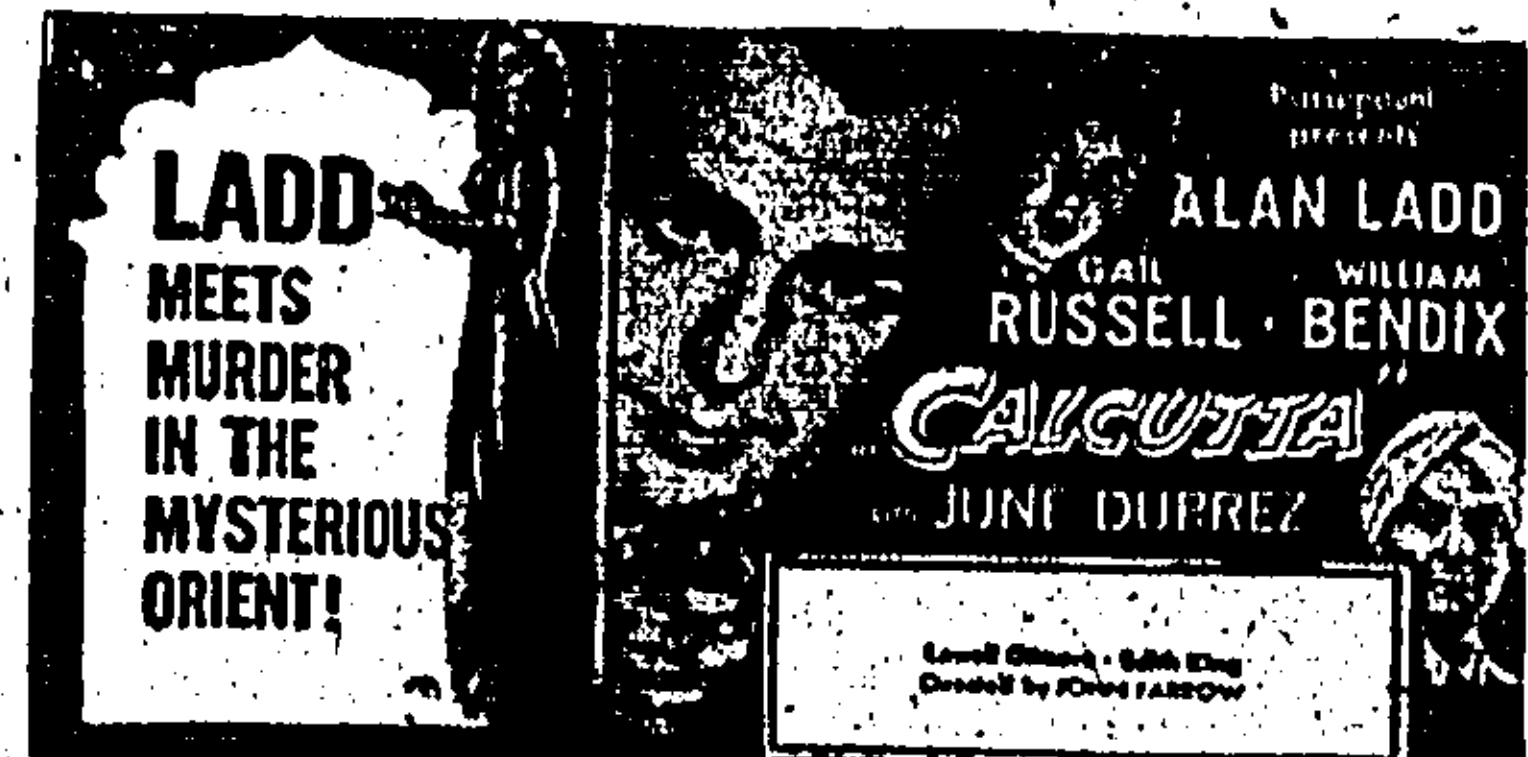
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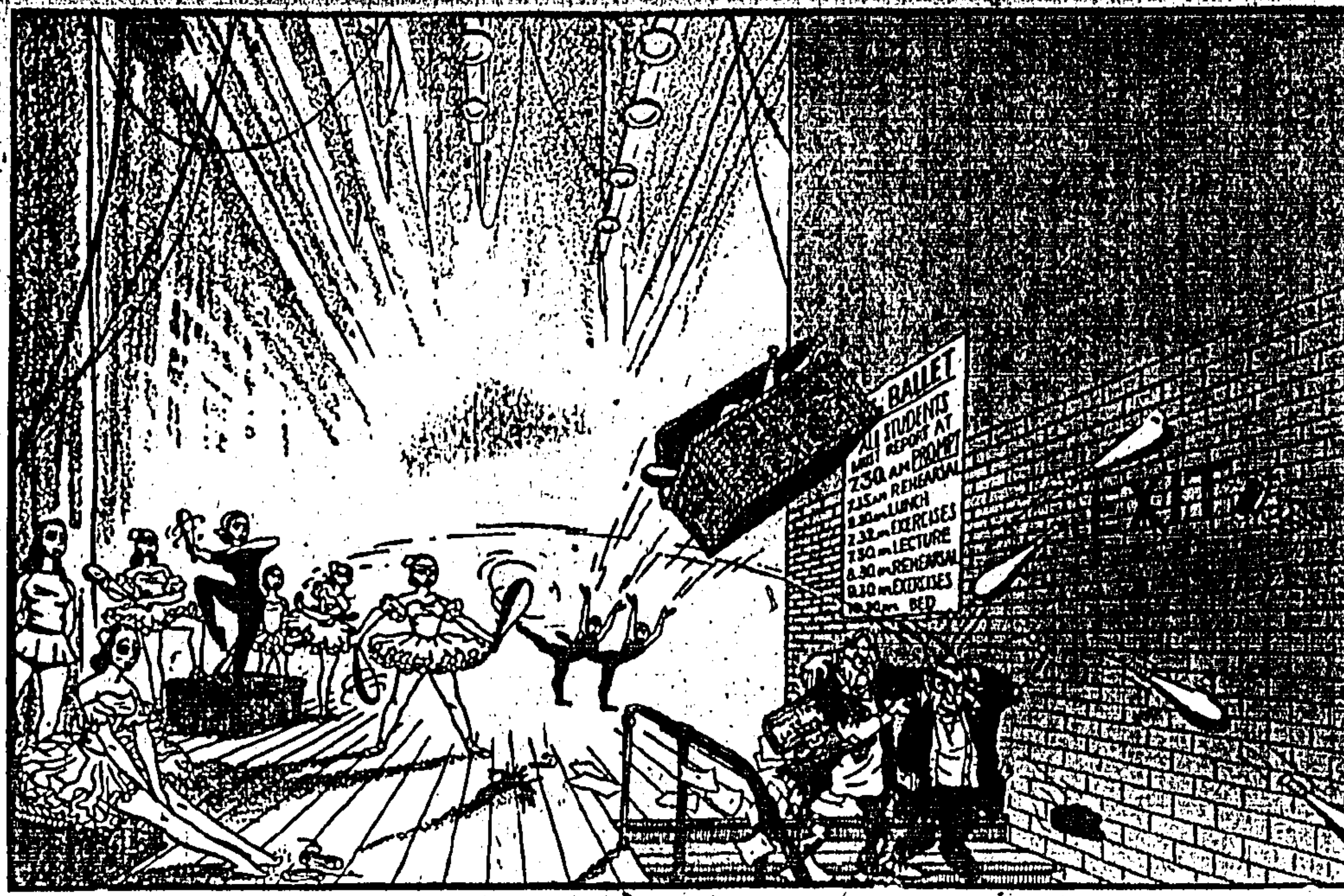
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"Tactless remark of yours, Ogasbranc, suggesting that students of the bullet... it come under the heading of workers."

WHERE, EXACTLY, ARE WE GOING?

by JOHN GORDON

IT is about time we gave some serious thought to where we are going as a people.

Within the last few weeks this nation of ours, which led the way in the great fight to give freedom of speech and thought to all men, has announced to the world that she is to place a big black ban on such freedom for a section of her people.

No one even suspected of sympathy with the creed of Communism is to be allowed to do certain kinds of work for the Government.

With one significant exception. M.P.s who are "fellow-travellers" with the Communists within the Socialist Party are not to be purged.

That, I suppose, might be dangerous for the party, and between State and party apparently party comes first.

Those on whom the ban will fall may not even have openly professed their views. An anonymous letter will be enough to settle their fate. Just as it does in Russia. Just as it once did in Germany.

An interesting, indeed a terrifying, development.

ON THE SLOPE

Other limitations

Once started on that slippery slope there is no saying where we shall stop. Next, no doubt, we shall have Roman Catholics barred from the Foreign Office, and Episcopalians refused a desk in the Scottish Office.

I do not doubt that it would be possible to raise quite a storm in the country in support of both changes.

We have been moving in the direction of limiting freedom for some time.

We have seen men driven from their jobs because they have religious objections to trade unionism, or because they resented being subject to the whims of a few fellow workers more interested in politics than work.

We have heard some of our candid new masters express indignation that anyone should doubt their divine mission, or dare to think differently from them.

That really is the basis of the unceasing campaign against the newspapers. They are too frank and independent for the comfort of those in power.

THE THIN END?

Dislike of critics

Resentment of criticism can easily grow to the stage when criticism becomes an offence, and when even suspicion of holding a contrary view becomes treason.

That is what happened in many lands in Europe. I suspect there are some men in Britain who would not be averse to having it happen.

So I warn you, at the risk of finding myself in the first concentration camp, be vigilant concerning your freedom.

The popular move against the Communists—and I do not doubt that it is popular—could be the thin end of the wedge.

May I add, just to make the record clear beyond doubt, that I am not a Communist or even a fellow-traveller?

I detest the creed. I hate slavery and I stand for freedom. But it seems to me unnecessary and dangerous to take chips off our freedom in order to fight slavery. There are simpler and wiser methods.

What also should concern us in addition to the loss of freedom of opinion and thought? I suggest the new Western Union in Europe.

Britain has signed a 50-year treaty with France, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg, which binds these five nations to declare war if an aggressive move is made against any one of them. A fine gesture, but a very dangerous one.

I am all for the unification of Europe. But up to now no one has ever envisaged a United Europe including Britain. The place of Britain has always been at the head of her own Commonwealth of free nations.

Now we turn from the Empire, upon which our strength and our future depend to ruined and rocking Europe.

It should be a fundamental and cardinal policy with us that we sign no treaty involving the risk of war unless it is similarly signed and accepted by our Dominions.

CAP IN HAND

Waiting for 'Amber'

We dare not risk being suddenly involved in a war unless we are certain that we can carry the Empire with us.

If the occasion arose when we couldn't, that means the end of the Empire and the end of Britain as a Great Power.

We should be asking what drove us into this treaty. Is this another instalment of the price of the Marshall loan?

What about this Marshall loan? Are you really content as a proud Briton that your country should be standing supinely, cap in hand, waiting for this charity—accompanied by "Forever Amber," chewing gum, kiddies' comics, and marbles—instead of making a vigorous effort to build up an Empire trading economy?

The state of the Empire isn't very happy at the moment. We have given away Burma and we have relinquished India at the cost of a million Indian lives.

Guatemala contemptuously demands British Honduras, and Chile, with the Argentine in the background, cheekily raises her flag over our Antarctic possessions.

We have a boycott of British goods on the Gold Coast, and Cyprus demanding "freedom."

Smuts is about to face his hardest task in South Africa, and no doubt his Opposition will make great capital about being tied to a faltering and infirm Britain.

Mackenzie King, a staunch friend of ours, is about to retire in Canada. We have still to see whether his successor will have either the prestige or the inclination to carry on the "Help Britain" policy, or will turn to the United States instead.

In Australia there have been some frank comments over the dilatoriness with which we went into action over the Antarctic challenge.

On top of all we have the New York Times, one of the most powerful newspapers in America, declaring that the British defence of sterling is "the greatest menace outside Communism."

RUSSIA—U.S.

Hysteria and fear

With all that trouble, this is the moment we choose to tie ourselves to Europe as a unit, and risk the break-up of the Empire.

But, of course, the advocates of this move say it is necessary because of Russia. "Russia is hostile and aggressive," they shout. "Russia is bent upon war." Is that really true?

There is a contrary opinion which may equally be true, that it is the United States which is suffering from hysteria, and that Russia plunges from one folly to another not because she is aggressive or desirous of war, but because she is desperate with fear.

I suggest that we should not put ourselves in a situation where we would be dragged willy-nilly into someone else's war, without having any say in the matter.

For remember we are numerically a small people compared with these two Powers. And we are an exhausted people.

We should have to fight the war "under orders." We should not command.

Whether we won or not we would finish it ruined, and of little more importance than Norway or Holland are today.

We are already too much like a tin can tied to a dog's tail. Look at what we have done to our trade and commerce and finance by treaties and agreements since the war ended.

In everything we have pledged ourselves to take second place to America.

Take the gold position. We have gold reserves worth £500,000,000 at the official price of gold, which is controlled at about £8 12s. 3d. per fine ounce.

Why is that the price fixed? Because the world price of gold is determined by what the Americans are prepared to pay for it, which is 35 dollars an ounce.

Soviet Union Is Outsmarting U.S. In The Arctic

By PHIL AULT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

IN the Greenwich Village section of New York, on a street where trucks haul cargo down to the Hudson River docks, stands a dreary red brick apartment building covered with grime. Ash cans line the sidewalk and baby carriages clutter its entrance.

Inside, one flight up, the eminent Arctic explorer, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, sits among his 20,000 polar books and documents. From his cramped quarters he watches the Soviet Union and the North American powers manoeuvre for position in the vast area above the Arctic Circle where he spent a great many of his 68 years.

He sees the Soviet Union far surpassing the United States and Canada in developing its Arctic resources.

Strategically, he feels the Arctic Sea is the most important body of water on earth. The Russians, he contends, are giving their far northern defences a broad base through intensive colonisation. The United States and Canada are failing to do so.

RUSSIA DOING MORE

"WE of North America are told that among our present weaknesses in the tremendous size of our cities and the top-heavy grouping of our industries around a few centres," Stefansson said. "There is the same talk in the Moscow press and on their radio. The difference is that they are doing more about it than we are."

"Believing that eventually there would be an attack on the Soviet from the east, they began building industries centres in Siberia."

"Now that they are beginning to visualise an attack from North America, they have an added tendency to move their colonisation north, this time on the basis of being ready to counter-attack in an air war."

The explorer, born in Canada of Icelandic parents, is the most prominent American protagonist of the view that the Far North is habitable. "The friendly Arctic," he calls it. His explorations of Arctic Canada, Alaska, Greenland and Iceland since the beginning of the century have stressed scientific investigation of living conditions.

PIONEERING REVIVED

HIS weather-beaten face beneath abundant white hair, and his blue Nordic eyes, accustomed to focusing on distances, look oddly incongruous in his tiny office at the end of a hallway stacked so deep with books that visitors must file through it in single line.

It is his belief that Russia is making great strides in the Arctic because the Soviet peoples possess the same pioneering spirit that drove Americans across the prairies 100 years ago. The Soviet government is fostering this expansionist spirit in the Arctic because it sees the economic and military rewards.

There are as many Soviet cities of 30,000 and 40,000 in the Far North as we have villages of 300 and 400," Stefansson said.

As an example of what the Soviets are doing, he cited Vorkuta, a city of 30,000 which stands 70 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 800 miles east of Murmansk in the Vechora coal basin.

When it was decided to exploit the coal resources there, the Soviet government moved in construction crews, built housing and other urban facilities and then constructed a 700-mile railway southward to bring out the coal.

ARCTIC EARTH YIELDS

TO help feed the miners, the government established the Vorkuta agricultural station. Twelve state farms produce vegetables and dairy products for the city. Experiments have been made to develop frost-resisting types. The Arctic earth now is yielding rye, barley and potatoes during the brief but warm summer.

At Ukhita, an oil producing centre south of Vorkuta, standing slightly below the Arctic Circle, there is a similar story. This city has grown to 40,000 population and had an eleven-fold increase in oil production between 1940 and 1945.

"Vorkuta and Ukhita together equal the 70,000 total population in all Alaska," the explorer pointed out.

"In America we have lost the pioneering spirit," he said. "Instead of seeking new places to colonise, we have reversed the nineteenth century trend and are migrating to places like Southern California where the climate is easy. We don't have to worry about creating the necessities of life for ourselves. Modern transportation and our highly developed economy bring them to us."

NANCY ... And It's Only Up to Here

By Ernie Bushmiller



NANCY... GET OFF THAT LAKE
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BECAUSE IT ISN'T SAFE
WHO SAYS IT ISN'T SAFE? I'M STANDING ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT NOW



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Prison For Two Europeans

THEFT BY NAVAL YARD WORKERS

Two chargemen employed by the Royal Naval Dockyard, Frederick Henry Bullock, 47, and Charles Henry Enns, 48, were sentenced to nine months' hard labour each by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning for being involved in a larceny.

Bullock was charged with larceny by servant and Enns with aiding and abetting him. On Thursday, while being employed by the naval authorities, Bullock, with the aid of Enns, stole 75 pounds of tin and 1,378½ pounds of copper.

Det. Sub-Inspector MacPherson said first defendant was a change-man at the dockyard of the Dockyard, and as such, was in charge of the metals mentioned in the charge. Second defendant was with the motor transport department. At 12.15 p.m. yesterday, defendants loaded the metals into a lorry driven by second defendant. They were not loaded in the proper manner, but were placed in a box in the front of the lorry. The lorry was driven from the Dockyard to 3 Mallory Street, Wanchai. There, they were arrested.

FRANK ADMISSION

First defendant was quite frank and admitted the theft. Second defendant had no permission to use the lorry. Both defendants had been employed at the Naval Dockyard for about ten years, and they had families in England. Mr. Webb, the Welfare Officer of the Naval Dockyard, testifying to defendants' characters, described first defendant as "honest" and the second as "reliable." He asked the Court to be as lenient as possible. In passing sentence, Mr. d'Almada said that two men, in the positions they held, should do such things as larceny and aiding and abetting. He could take no less a serious view than to sentence them to nine months each.

4 Months For Stealing Water

A 44-year-old rubber shoe factory manager was sent to prison with hard labour for four months this morning convicted on a charge of stealing water.

He was Wong Yuen, head of the Lee Wah rubber shoe factory in Kwelin Street, and Mr. Blair-Kerr at the Kowloon Magistracy was told by the prosecuting officer, Mr. H. Rose of the Waterworks Department, that after the water supply to the factory had been cut off on January 29 because of Wong's failure to pay an account amounting to \$116, he had run a rubber pipe from a water main to the factory.

In so doing he by-passed the meter, having first removed a stopcock. Wong was sentenced to hard labour without the option.

TAXI DRIVER ASSAULTED

Filipino Steward In Court

Olimpio Dulay, a Filipino steward aboard the mv Turkishhead, was fined \$40 this morning by Mr. Blair-Kerr at the Kowloon Magistracy for causing payment of taxi fare and assaulting a taxi driver. He was also ordered to pay \$100 compensation to the driver who suffered a broken arm in consequence of the assault.

Evidence was produced to show that Dulay and a friend had picked up the taxi outside the Majestic Theatre at 10 p.m. on April and had ordered it to Kowloon Dock.

Accused's friend alighted at the docks, but Dulay returned to town. Upon arrival in Wuhu Street accused told the driver not to lower the meter. The driver, however, slapped the meter down and then requested payment.

Dulay refused and adopted a threatening attitude, whereupon the taxi driver grabbed hold of a car jack and got out of the taxi. The accused pursued him and assaulted him, the driver sustaining a broken arm.

YIELDED TO THE TEMPTATION

An employee of Dayarem's Silk Store, Kowloon, appeared before Mr. Latimer at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with larceny of \$70 from the store.

Inspector Orem said accused was seen taking the money from the cash desk at 11.45 p.m. on Thursday. Pleading guilty, the man, Leung Wing, said he stole the money in a moment of temptation. He was sent to gaol for six weeks.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY



Rita Vane's stand-in, Cherry, has been called to go over the part after the star fainted when an overhead light crashed near her in the studio.

Tenants Withdraw Appeal Against Eviction Order

The dispute between Henry G. Leong Estates, Ltd., and the tenants of its property at Nos. 657, 659 and 661 Nathan Road came to an anti-climax at the Full Court this morning when the tenants decided to abandon their appeal after having brought the issue before three courts.

The tenants were the Ho Fong Studio, Luk Shun Wo and Kam Man Yee. Ordered to vacate the premises by Mr. Justice Gould within 14 days from March 1, they brought an application before Mr. Justice Williams and Mr. Justice Reynolds on March 11 for a stay of execution until the hearing of their appeal. The application was refused, and the tenants thereupon brought a motion before a Full Court comprising Mr. Justice Williams, Mr. Justice Gould and Mr. Justice Reynolds on March 25 for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against this decision. Failing in this also, the tenants then gave notice of appeal against Mr. Justice Gould's decision in granting the eviction order.

It was this appeal which was to have been heard by Mr. Justice Williams and Mr. Justice Reynolds this morning.

GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

Appearing for the tenants on the instructions of Mr. M.A. da Silva, Mr. C.E. Loseby said the grounds for the appeal were (1) that the judge had no jurisdiction to make the order; (2) that the exemption order granted by the Governor-in-Council on September 2, 1947 upon which the judge relied was bad upon the face of it; and (3) that the judge was wrong in law in holding that at the date of the said order the Governor-in-Council had authority or jurisdiction to make the exemption order relied upon.

After giving a history of the dispute, Mr. Loseby said that on April 1 Mr. Silva wrote to Mr. F. I. Zimmerman, solicitor for the landlords asking him if he would withhold execution of the eviction order pending the hearing of the appeal. To this a reply was received on April 6 stating that unless all mesne profits due and payable by the tenants were paid at 3 p.m. on the following day, execution would be issued without further notice.

There was a clear implication in the reply that if all mesne profits were paid, execution would be withheld, said Mr. Loseby, who then went on to say that on April 7 Mr. Silva sent to Mr. Zimmerman a cheque for \$645 covering the mesne profits due. On the same day, Mr. Zimmerman wrote back and, while acknowledging receipt of the cheque, said that as the tenants were still in possession he had been instructed by his clients to execute the eviction order without further delay by 2 p.m. on the following day.

LETTER EXPLAINED

The full effect of the letter was explained to the tenants and they decided in the circumstances to abandon the appeal.

Mr. Loseby concluded by apologizing on behalf of Mr. Silva for not having informed the Court of this earlier. Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, who appeared for the landlords on the instructions of Mr. Zimmerman, said that while naturally he would not oppose the dismissal of the appeal, he would like to comment on the implication made by Mr. Loseby which suggested to him again some hint of improper dealing on the part of his clients.

The history of the case, said Mr. Potter, showed throughout that his clients were willing, as far as they could fairly do so, to assist the tenants in every way. As far back as January, 1947, the landlords had made an offer as fair as any could have made to the tenants, and that was that they would get premises in the new building when completed if they would move out at once. To this the tenants replied that they would get out at once if a tenancy agreement at the same rate of rent as previous (\$120) were entered into. The landlords were not prepared to do this because they did not know what rent could be fixed in respect of the new building, but they were willing to let the tenants have the premises if they chose to vacate at once.

"SCRUPULOUS FAIRNESS"

There was no case which had come before the Court in which the landlords had acted with more scrupulous fairness, said Mr. Potter. His clients could have issued execution any time after March 25 when the motion for leave to appeal to the Privy Council was dismissed. Instead, the tenants were given another week and this showed that the landlords were willing and trying to help them in whatever way they could. When the landlords obtained the exemption order from the Governor-in-Council which

entitled them to treat the tenants as trespassers, they could have put their foot in the streets, but instead of doing that they gave them notice to five weeks in which to move.

"It is my submission that it is only fair to the respondents to make it clear to the public that their attitude throughout has been desirous of assisting the appellants as far as they fairly could, and consistent with their rights to develop this property," concluded Mr. Potter.

Mr. Loseby: All this would have been dealt with if the appeal had not been abandoned. My friend has got his costs and I hope he is satisfied.

The Court made the usual order of dismissing the appeal with costs.

OPTIUM OFFENDERS

Offenders dealing in raw and prepared opium came before Mr. H. W. Latimer at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The magistrate passed 10 months' hard labour on Kwong Chung-po, when he pleaded guilty to possession of opium and heroin pipes and heroin pills, and fined him \$100, or two weeks' for operating an opium divan in Temple Street.

For possession of 23 tael of raw opium at Parkes Street, Kowloon on Thursday, a woman, Lau Kwai was given six months' without the option, while another woman, Chi Ah-ying, found in possession of 21 tael at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station was handed a similar sentence.

Two other women also appeared before Mr. Latimer charged with possessing 3.5 and three tael of raw opium respectively at the KCR. They were fined \$350 and \$300.

Fined \$150 For Excessive Charge

The Eurasian Medicine Co., Des Voeux Road Central, was this morning fined \$150 by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central for charging \$1.00 on February 21 for a tin of Allen and Hanbury Pastilles gazetted at \$1.25 a tin.

Mr. Pitman of the Price Control prosecuted. Mr. M. A. da Silva, who represented the firm, stated that it was a member of the Medicine Dealers' Association which distributed regular circulars of the official prices of medicines. On that occasion no circular was received by the firm of the changes in prices.

"I'm Finished!" Says Shoplifter

"Suda martil" exclaimed 32-year-old Li Tsang of Singapore, in exasperation at Central yesterday when he heard Mr. d'Almada pass sentence of six months' hard labour on him for larceny.

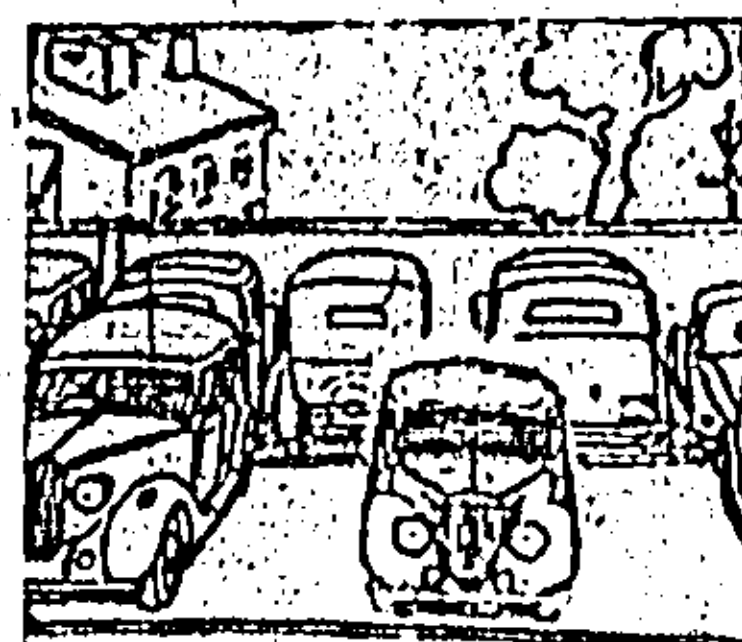
Mr. E. de Fraine Stephenson, Sales Manager of Whiteaway Ltd., said his attention was drawn to defendant by the Indian watchman yesterday. He found defendant behind the counter and eight pairs of socks were taken from inside defendant's shirt. Through a Malay interpreter, defendant said he had just come back from Singapore and he was now waiting for a ship to leave. He did not steal the socks.

Mr. d'Almada said shoplifting cases were getting to become almost daily occurrences, and sentenced defendant to six months.

Ammunition Seized On A Junk

Pingshan police officers early this morning boarded a junk at Sun Hui, Castle Peak, and discovered aboard 3,000 rounds of .303 ammunition. Three men were taken into custody to be questioned.

ROAD SENSE... (7)



Just thoughtlessness or selfishness or incompetence - a parked car occupying the space reserved for two.

Unlawfully Board The Sirdhana

CHINESE IN COURT

Six Chinese were charged at the Marine Court this morning before Mr. Cairns with unlawfully boarding the new B. I. motor ship Sirdhana.

Sub-Inspector McCarthy reported that when the vessel arrived on Thursday, Chinese detectives were sent aboard on duty. All the accused had been found on board and none had permission from the Master or Chief Officer. The Chief Officer, who was also in court, confirmed this.

The first accused, a licensed hawk, pleaded that he did not know he had to have a pass in addition to his licence. He was cautioned. The second defendant, a shop fold, was also cautioned when he pleaded that the manager of the Singapore office was arriving by the vessel and he went on board to meet him. His master had a pass to go on board, and defendant waited for some time but failed to contact him before boarding the Sirdhana. The master of the ship produced the pass in Court.

THREE ACCUSED FINED

The third accused, who had gone on board to sell mineral waters, pleaded that he had a previous conviction for demanding money with menaces, and fifth accused, who said he was a member of the crew of a motor boat and was helping with passengers' baggage, were each fined \$100 on six weeks.

The sixth accused pleaded that he had gone to meet a relative and did not know the regulations. Sub-Inspector McCarthy reported that he had a previous conviction, which defendant denied. He was remanded for 24 hours for finger-prints to be taken.

Alleged Bribery of Fishery Inspectors

Secretary Of Hop Yick Tong Gives Evidence

Another witness who testified that the Hop Yick Tong, composed of members of the fish laans was formed for the purpose of bribing Fishery Inspectors, was heard at Central this morning when the case against four Fishery Inspectors resumed before Mr. Clifford.

The accused are Fishery Inspectors Chan Kun-kau, 32, Kwok Muk-hoi, 39, Lee Kai-wan, 24 and Tso Wai-hin, 25, are charged with conspiring together, and with others, between January 3 and 21, to permit the unlawful sale of marine fish at Central Market, conspiring together, and with others, to obtain money so as to permit the sale of fresh marine fish between September 1, 1947, and January 22, 1948; and conspiring together, and with others, to obtain money to permit the landing of fresh marine fish at Stone Pier.

First defendant is also charged with accepting a bribe of \$80 or about January 10 from Lo Tai at Kowloon.

Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi (instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios) is for the first defendant and Mr. J. C. Stewart for the other three.

Mr. F. W. Shaflin, Senior Police Superintendent of the Anti-Corruption Branch prosecuted. Chan Chung-hop, secretary of the Fresh-fish Dealers' Association, told the Court that formerly he was also secretary of the Hop Yick Tong. His duties in the latter Association

Cairo Nurses Go Crazy

Use Boiling Water And Crockery As Ammo

Cairo, Apr. 8.—The 1,500 male nurses, who struck in Cairo's two largest hospitals yesterday, threatened to set the hospitals on fire and hurled blazing mattresses, torn from sickbeds, at the police who were besieging them. Iskander Pasha, the Egyptian Minister of Public Health, said today.

The strikers, who were demanding more pay, also used boiling water, kitchen crockery and slabs of concrete from the walls of the two hospitals, the Foad El Awni and Kasr El Ainy, as ammunition in their battle with the police, which ended with the arrest of 517 strikers.

The casualty list, after the police had opened fire, totalled 123 strikers injured.

Before the nurses surrendered, it was learned, the ringleaders had instituted a "reign of terror" inside the hospital compound with "summary reprisals" which ordered the molestation of female nurses and patients who did not side with the strikers.

Many patients have been transferred to other hospitals because of the damage to the buildings, and the Government has decided to replace the male nurses by women.—Reuter.

Claim For Br. Honduras

Bogota, Apr. 8.—The crisis facing Britain provided a "propitious climate" in which to press his country's claim against British Honduras, the Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Senor Muenoz Menny, said at the Pan-American Conference here today.

Speaking at a plenary session of the Conference, he criticised the presence of British troops in Belize, British Honduras, as an "affront to the Americas." He insisted that the "anachronism" of all colonies in the Western Hemisphere should be ended, although he referred to Britain as a "friendly" power and implied that Guatemala was prepared to continue bilateral discussions for a settlement of the British Honduras dispute. "The map of Guatemala contains the bloody stain of territorial mutilation—a fifth part of its territory snatched away by one of the most powerful empires of the world."

The frail Guatemalan Foreign Minister, who rose from his sickbed to make the speech, told the other 20 delegations that Guatemala intended to get "with perfect judicial correctness." He denied that Guatemala's ambitions went beyond British Honduras.—Reuter.

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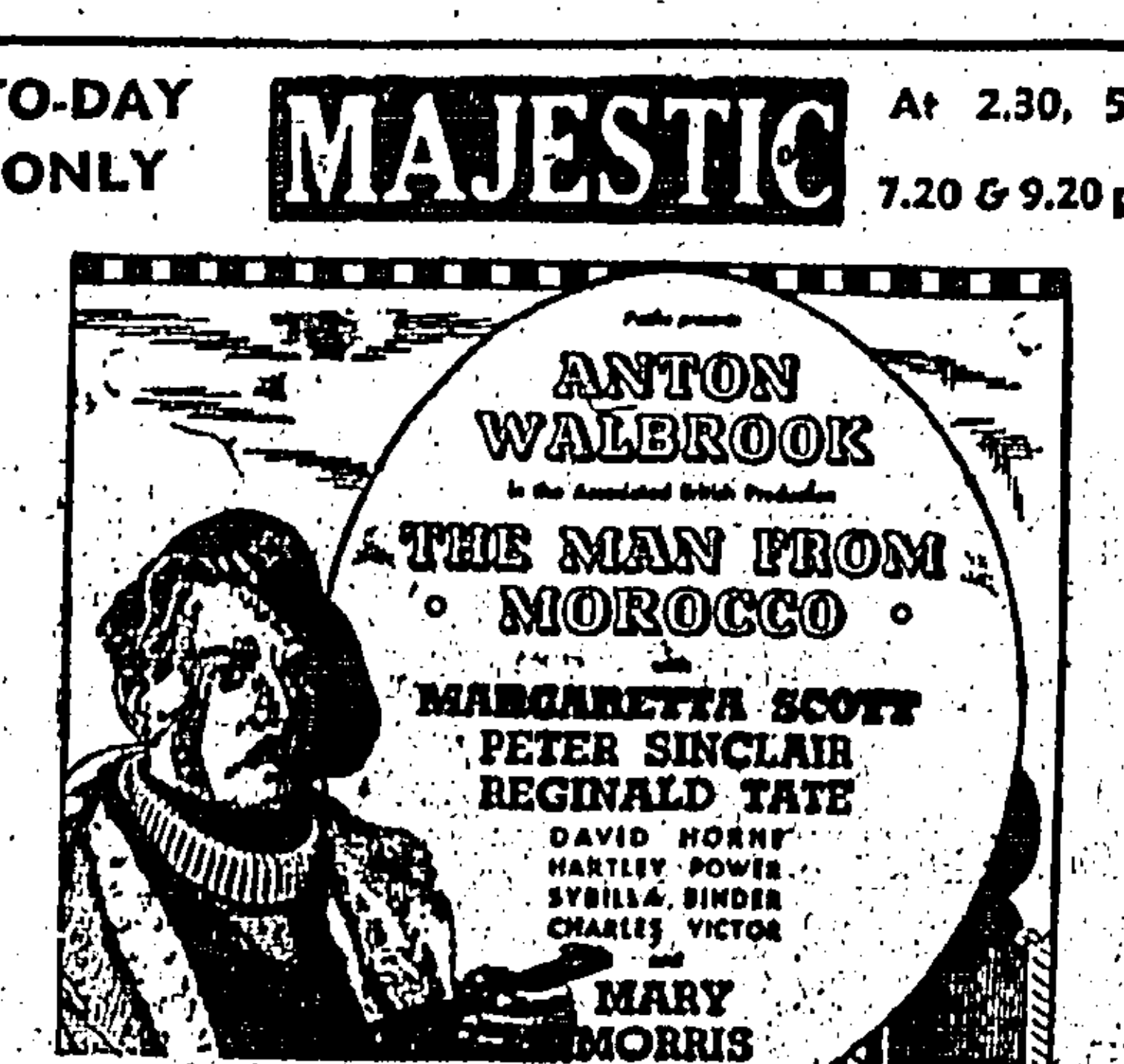
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TOMORROW'S INTERNATIONAL

SEASON'S BEST TEAM DESERVED MORE PLACES

Scotland's Big Problems

BY ARCHIE QUICK

If I had to choose England's team against Scotland at Hampden Park I would unhesitatingly select this eleven.

Ditchburn (Spurs); Scott (Arsenal) and Howe (Derby); Johnston (Blackpool), Compton (Arsenal) and Wright (Wolves); Matthews (Blackpool), Mortensen (Blackpool), Rowley (Manchester U), Morris (Manchester U), and Finney (Preston).

Men I would consider for positions would be Moxley (Derby), Leuty (Derby), Cockburn (Manchester U) and Mannion (Middlesbrough). It may seem strange that I should drop Frank Swift, but I should like to see a change in the England side that has done everything that has been asked of it but fact remains that three Manchester United men, Rowley, Cockburn and Morris, should be in the England side and a fourth member of the best team of the season, Pearson, is on the fringe of it. Then again, why leave out Franklin who you may say? Well, Neil is in a losing club side at the moment and both Compton and Leuty are on top of the world.

Swift, I feel, is making his saves now a split second later than he used to and Ditchburn is in magnificent form in every game he plays. I know there are many who would have Cockburn in and Wright out but this I will not have. Billy is still playing as Harry Johnston and Ronnie Burgess do.

ENGLAND SHOULD WIN

In any case I think England will beat Scotland and take the Championship. Football is a funny game and I say this chiefly because I am remembering the Welsh-Irish clash at Wrexham after we had seen Wales win brilliantly at Hampden and Ireland make a great draw with England at Everton.

There it is possible for Scotland to create a surprise, but I know that there is gloom North of the Border both among selectors and critics to find a winning eleven.

It means an entire team will have to be rebuilt. I am writing this prior to the Inter-League match at Newcastle and a lot will depend on that game as to whether Scotland are going to have Home, Scots or Anglo-Scots at Hampden.

One certainty, I should imagine, is evergreen Delaney of Manchester United. Houlston of Queen of South has only to retain form to keep in favour and I think Gordon Smith will continue to keep Billy Waddell out of the side for what I hear.

Woodburn, of Newcastle, will probably be retained while Miller, Celtic, is apparently still in good books.

Scotland, however, still have big problems to solve at full back, wing half, and inside-forward and little progress has been made since the unexpected loss to Wales.

Yes, all things considered I think it is a good thing this time for England and they are in a happy position of being able to pick almost two sides of equal strength if necessary.

The selectors did not agree with Archie Quick. This is the side they chose to play Scotland at Hampden Park tomorrow.

(Manchester City); Scott (Arsenal), Hardwick (Middlesbrough); Wright (Wolves), Franklin (Stoke City), Cockburn (Manchester U); Blackpool (Blackpool), Mortensen (Blackpool), Lawrie (Walsley County), and Finney (Preston North-End).—Reuter.

STANLEY MATTHEWS VOTED 'PLAYER OF THE SEASON'
London, Apr. 7.—Stanley Matthews, England, and Blackpool outside right, the "wizard of dribble," was elected the "player of the season" today by ballot of National newspaper football critics.

Matthews headed the poll by 5 votes from his Blackpool team mate and right wing partner, Stan Mortensen.

Frank Swift, Manchester City and England goalkeeper was third.

All three are playing in the England team against Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday. Attendance has been limited by Glasgow police officials to 134,000.

At an eve of the Cup Final Dinner in London on April 23, Matthews will be given a bronze statuette.—Associated Press.

OXFORD'S BIG WIN

London, Apr. 8.—Oxford beat the Amateur Rugby team at Milton by 30 points to 11 today. The Oxford team led by 18 points to nil at the end of the first half.—Associated Press.

LEAGUE RESULTS

London, Apr. 8.—The following were the results of football matches played today:

London, Apr. 8.—The following were the results of rugby matches played today:

Rugby Union: Swansea 8, Llanelli 5, Weston Supermare 3, Bristol 0, Northampton 11, Bedford 3, Falmouth 0, Redruth 7.

Rugby League: St. Helen's 8, Widnes 9.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL TO PLAY SWEDISH TEAM IN U.S.

New York, Apr. 8.—The Swedish soccer champions, The Djurgardens Club, of Stockholm, will play Liverpool, the English First Division club, in New York City this summer while both teams are touring the United States.

The American Soccer League has finally secured permission from the English and Swedish soccer authorities for this match, which will probably be played in the evening of June 18.—Reuter.



BOXING

Graziano To Meet Zale

New York, Apr. 8.—Rocky Graziano, the middleweight champion of the world, today signed a contract to defend his title against Tony Zale in the Rupert Stadium, Newark, on June 9.

Graziano, who took the title from Zale last summer, cannot box in New York because his licence was revoked for failing to report a bribe offer.

Graziano signed for 40 per cent of the receipts, while Zale will receive 20 per cent.—Reuter.

ERIC BOON FOR NEW YORK FIGHT

London, Apr. 8.—Eric Boon, former British lightweight champion, now a leading contender for Ernie Roderick's welterweight crown, is to fight in New York in June.

Boon, who meets Robert Villmain, the French and European champion, at Harringay, on April 20, will leave for New York on June 2. He will be accompanied by Billy Thompson, the British and European lightweight champion, who wishes to meet Al King in Toronto for the vacant Empire title.

With them will be their manager, Benny Huntman, who is negotiating for both boxers to appear on the same programme as the Louis-Walcott heavyweight title fight on June 23.

Boon and Thompson will be handled by Ray Arcel, the trainer of Joe Baksil, when in the United States. They will be back for the Lesnevich-Mills fight on July 20, and will probably box at the White City that night.—Reuter.

SCHMELING TO MEET NEUSEL
Hamburg, Apr. 7.—Two veteran boxing giants will meet here on May 23 when Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight champion, fights Walter Neusel.

German boxing circles predict that Schmeling will win this fight he will challenge the present German champion, 28 year old Hein Ten Hoff.—Associated Press.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

Results in yesterday's local First Division League football games were:

Sing Tao 2 Police 0
K.M. Buses 5 RAF 2

SUN TAN AT TRUJILLO



Actress Laraine Day applies sun tan lotion to the back of her husband, Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, at the Hotel Jaragua Pool, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. Laraine accompanied Leo to the Dodgers' training base in the Dominican Republic. (AP Wirephoto).

PADDINGTON TOURNAMENT

Indians In Semi-Final

London, Apr. 8.—Two of the three remaining Indians, Sumant Misra and Dilip Bose, reached the semi-finals of the Men's Singles in the Paddington lawn tennis tournament.

They will now play in what may eventually prove to be Davis Cup rehearsals. Misra will meet Roland Carter, a Davis Cup finalist, and Bose plays Howard Walton, the Royal Air Force champion, who is considered one of the most improved players in British tennis.

In the quarter-finals today, Bose beat Hedley Baxter, the Middlesex lefthander and Davis Cup trial player, 6-4, 10-8, and Misra beat C. R. Piercey, 6-1, 6-2.

Nath only went out to Roland Carter after a rare fight, the score being 7-9, 6-4, 6-3, in Carter's favour.

Against Nath, Carter served up a mixture of aggressive and painstakingly slow tennis, which obviously unsettled the Indian as much as did the blustery wind, but Carter earned his victory by taking every chance that was offered.

The opposite was the case with Baxter, who led Bose 3-0 but threw away chances of clinching it. Bose played splendid tennis, seeming quite unperturbed by the wind.—Reuter.

THE TURF

TRAINER'S LICENCE WITHDRAWN

London, Apr. 8.—The Stewards of the National Hunt Committee announced, in a statement in the Racing Calendar today, that they have withdrawn the licence to train of the Yorkshire trainer, V. S. Moore, following evidence that he had been administering to a horse he trained, Woolpack, for the purpose of the Yorkshires Maid Selling Handicap hurdle race at the Doncaster March meeting.

The statement added: "In view of the fact that R. Cane, the rider of Woolpack, in the course of the race received fatal injuries, the Stewards feel that they should add that there was not sufficient evidence produced before them at the inquiry to indicate who administered to one caused to be administered the drug in question."—Reuter.

AUTEUIL STEEPCHASE

Paris, Apr. 7.—The French President's prize was won by Hamer, owned by Jean De Montgolfier at the Auteuil Steeplechase today. The race, of two and half mile, was postponed because stable boys went on strike for higher pay.

De Montgolfier won a purse of 1,500,000 francs with his six to one shot ridden by V. Palmer.—Associated Press.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY FESTIVAL

London, Apr. 8.—England has chosen a very strong team to compete in the women's world hockey festival in Amsterdam from May 10 to 17, and the selectors are hopeful of victory.

The team, which leaves on May 8, on the same boat as the American and Welsh teams, is considered to be a more powerful combination than that which swept the board in

COLONY TENNIS

Easy Passage Into Quarter-Final

RUMJAHNS IMPRESS

Four pairs entered the quarter-final round of the Colony Open Doubles Championship at the HKCC yesterday, three of these conceding their opponents a total all told of nine games.

The Kowloon Tong pair of S. K. H. Wong and Lam Kwan were the only losers to put up anything resembling stiff opposition: They extended K. H. Ip and Paul Kong to lose by 7-5, 7-5.

Of the other losers, J. D. Mackie and S. Saul put up the best show. Down 6-1, 5-0 to the Tsui brothers they rallied suddenly to take two games and were twice within a point of taking a third.

Mackie showed some good strokes and Saul was a game and able player on the defence. With experience, this pair should improve.

The Tsui brothers were the Rumjahns cousins who were in fine form against T. E. and R. O. Baker and gave a fine display of teamwork.

Play in the evening's longest game was at times scrappy, at times touching class in long volleys, hair-breath retrieving and spectacular placing.

Both the Kowloon Tong players showed some fine points to their game. They were also a better combination.

GOOD NET PLAY

Of the Chinese Recreation Club pair, Lee Wai-tong touched good form in his net play, relying more on backhand drives and snicks than overhead smashes.

Wong had a good ace service but his second balls were weak as were his overhead smashes, a good proportion of these going into the net.

Results were: Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui beat J. D. Mackie and S. Saul 6-1, 6-2.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahns beat T. E. and R. O. Baker 6-2, 6-1. K. H. Ip and Paul Kong beat T. J. Gould and Lam Kwan 6-2, 6-1.

Lee Wai-tong and P. T. Hsu beat T. J. Gould and J. K. Wilson 7-5, 7-5.

Royal Support For Equestrians

London, Apr. 8.—The King and Princess Elizabeth are among those who have contributed £15,000 required to cover the training expenses of Britain's equestrian team for the Olympic Games.

The purpose of the fund is to ensure that everything possible is done to put Britain on the Olympic map as an equestrian force and to maintain the high prestige of British bloodstock.

Some of Britain's best horsemen are training at Aldershot for the Olympics and today they figured in special practices for the jumping and other competitions. They have been training for a month and gave promising performances.—Reuter.

TO OPEN GAMES

London, Apr. 8.—The King will open the Olympic Games at Wembley at 2.45 p.m. (GMT) on Thursday, July 20. It was announced from Buckingham Palace today.—Reuter.

The United States recently by winning all 18 games and scoring 208 goals and conceding only five.

The strength of the team may be judged by the fact that three referees are all Internationals.—Reuter.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Two matches in the Open Singles and three in the Open Doubles are on this evening's programme.

These are:

M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo v. Dr A. M. Rodrigues and H. A. Noronha; Tam Kong-ye and R. Tay v. Choi Ping-fan and Lee Yue-wing; L. Kotewall and F. Zimmerman v. Wong Hok-nang and Kwok Hing-chun.

N. Ma v. P. Poon; Wong Sui-ki v. R. Segalen.

GOLF

CHAPMAN LEADING AMATEUR

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 8.—The Masters Tournament—golf's blue ribbon event—opens today over a course left soggy by heavy rains.

No rain fell on Tuesday but leaden skies hung over the swampy course and the first round is bound to be slow.

Among the entries, Dick Chapman, of North Carolina, appeared to be the leading amateur. Professionals think Chapman's game is sounder than national champion Skeet Riegel's, who also has entered.

Among the professionals many observers favoured Chick Harbert and Lloyd Mangrum. The other bets among the pros included Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Bobby Locke, Johnny Palmer, Ed Furgol and Skip Alexander.—United Press.

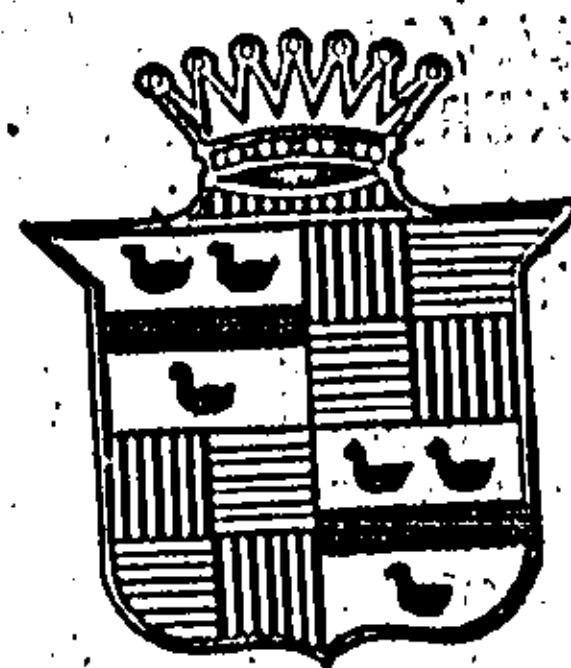


So you took the day off to see your grandpa. How many runs did she make?

BRITANNIA SHIELD

London, Apr. 8.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has provisionally accepted an invitation to present the Britannia Shield at Wembley in September to the winner of the annual competition for the trophy which is open for competition among sportsmen of the armed forces of nations engaged in the Battle of Britain or assembled on British soil between 1940 and 1945.—Reuter.

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Nationalists Rushing Troops To Chengchow Area

Shanghai, Apr. 9.—Two Nationalist armies—the New Fifth and Eighteenth—are rushing to the Chengchow area in the opening phases of a planned new Nationalist offensive to halt the Red onrush to Central China.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, confirming an earlier announcement, said that Central China would be given top priority in the summer's battle plans. The Generalissimo set July as the date for the offensive to reach top strength but the Reds were reported to have already opened a smashing offensive of their own on the Loyang area after capturing that city.

RED PRESSURE INCREASES

A Peking dispatch said that nine Communist divisions were pushing south from Manchuria along the Peiping-Mukden railway.

The Red pressure in the northern tip of Shantung peninsula increased the seriousness of the government position in Weihai and Chunglo. The Communists there were seeking to push westward against the government post city of Chefoo.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Ordinary Annual Meeting

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Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 16th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

Ford's Food For Workers

Detroit, Michigan, Apr. 8.—Henry Ford II announced today a plan to provide additional food for nearly 24,000 Ford Motor Company employees in Britain and Europe.

Ford, who recently returned from a tour of company properties abroad, said he would send a food parcel to each of the 16,000 employees of the Badenham England plant and 4,400 at Poissy France.

An undisclosed sum of money also will be set aside to purchase more food for 3,378 Ford employees in Cologne.—Associated Press.

Czech Plane Hijacked

Escape From Prague

Munich, Apr. 8.—Charges of premeditated theft of a Czech airline transport plane and illegal escape from Communist-dominated Czechoslovakia were leveled today by one of the 25 passengers of the plane that landed in Munich two days ago, instead of Bratislava where it headed.

Mrs. Chludkova Bozina, wife of a Prague florist, told the United Press tonight that she had arrived in Usmone, Germany, against her will and as a result of a pre-designed plan of 10 of her fellow passengers, including the crew, to escape from Czechoslovakia into Germany and thence to England.

She said, "The plan was engineered from the very beginning. Shortly after our departure from Prague, the navigator of the plane was brought back out of the cockpit and forced to sit in the rear at gun point. As far as I know the original pilot of the plane continued on navigating for himself to Munich."

"We boarded the plane for Bratislava at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon on our way to Bratislava. I was on my way to purchase flowers and plants for my husband's shop in Prague."

One hour and 45 minutes later just when we should have been coming down at Bratislava we landed and discovered that we were in Munich.—United Press.

Vote On Death Penalty

London, Apr. 8.—The Government will vote in Parliament next week against a five-year experimental abolition of the death penalty in Britain, but it will permit a free vote of the House so that its rank and file supporters can act according to the dictates of their consciences.

About 150 Members, most of them Labour, have put their names to an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill, urging that during a period of five years, no person be sentenced to death for murder. Sentences of imprisonment for life would be substituted.

The Government is not unalterably opposed to the abolition of the death penalty in Britain, but is understood to feel that, so soon after the war, when lawlessness is at a higher peak than normal, it would be an invidious step, even if only experimental.—Reuter.

Motoring For Pleasure Again

London, Apr. 8.—British motorists may again use their cars for pleasure driving after June 1—but only for 90 miles a month, the Fuel Minister, Mr. Hugh Galskell, announced in Parliament this afternoon.

This decision, following an intensive campaign by motorists since petrol for pleasure motoring was withdrawn last autumn, will mean that tens of thousands of laid-up cars will again take the roads this summer.

All the petrol needed to restore the "basic" ration for pleasure motoring will be only one-third of that issued before last September when motorists could drive their cars 270 miles a month—must come from that saved by the suppression of the blackmarket, Mr. Galskell said.

The Government, he disclosed, has decided to accept the main recommendations of the commission of inquiry which last night proposed legislation to ban from the roads for one year motorists caught using blackmarket petrol.—Reuter.

Counter-Espionage

Stockholm, Apr. 8.—The Swedish Minister of the Interior today asked the Swedish Parliament to double the funds for counter-espionage in view of recent events.

The money involved, amounting to 3,000,000 kroners will be used for strengthening the secret police, it was learned.—Reuter.

PLIGHT OF SHANGHAI CIVIL SERVANTS

67.8% Unable To Meet Their Minimum Living Expenses

Shanghai, Apr. 8.—According to statistics compiled by the Shanghai City Government, 67.8 percent of Shanghai's 1,942 municipal employees do not earn enough money to meet current minimum living expenses. Of the group, the statistics show that 18.5 percent have been forced into debt to cope with their daily needs.

The figures were broken down into four financial classes of civil servants: the well-to-do class, the "can pass" class, the "income falls short of expenditure" class, and the "income twice in debt" class. Only 1.5 percent were among "well-to-do" group and only 30.7 percent of the municipal employees earned enough to get along.

At the same time these figures were published in the Kuomintang supervised newspaper Shun Pao. The Independent Ta Kung Pao, probably the most respected newspaper in China—published a letter from a Shanghai municipal worker.

The letter pointed out that the employee earned \$3,100,000 Chinese dollars a month. That is about US\$5 at the present blackmarket rate.

SUPPORTS PARENTS

He said that he had no family but supported his mother and father—both of them advanced in age. The three of them, he wrote, live in a straw hut on the outskirts of Shanghai. Although they cannot afford it, he said, he buys one pound of pork each week as a concession to the age of his parents. The rest of the time they eat rice with a few vegetables.

The government, he said, gives him a ration of 85 pounds of rice a month, 51 pounds of which he must pay up rent for the straw hut. Figuring that the average individual daily consumption of rice in China is two and one half pounds—the basic figure on which the Chinese Army figures its rations—a family of three should normally consume 225 pounds of rice a month.

Living a frugal existence, he pointed out, his salary still doesn't begin to pay for food, charcoal for heating and cooking, clothing or, even, postage stamps.—United Press.

S'hai Magazines Closed Down

Shanghai, Apr. 9.—The City Government yesterday closed down three magazines—Kuo Hsin Weekly, World Knowledge and Time and Literature—according to the Ta Kung Pao.

These publications were ordered to be suspended in a directive from the City Government from the Minister of the Interior.

The reasons stated in the order are that these publications recently published articles which are regarded as "disadvantageous" to the Government and being pure propaganda for the Communists.

In the cases of the World Knowledge and Time and Literature, the order also pointed out that the former frequently published articles attacking the United States in an attempt to disturb friendly relations between China and America, and the latter often criticized regional governments.—Reuter.

PENSIONS FOR EX-MP's

London, Apr. 8.—The Bill to amend the House of Commons Members Fund Act of 1939, published today, raises by £100 the maximum annual amount which a past Member of the House may receive.

It provides that periodical payment to a past Member may not exceed £250 yearly or such sum as will bring his income up to £325, whichever is the less.

The Bill brings the widowers of former Members of Parliament within the scope of the Act, but there is a provision that no payment shall be made to a widower of an ex-Member of Parliament unless he is and was, before his wife's death, incapable, by reason of age or infirmity, of earning his living.

The annual payment to a widower shall not exceed £150, or such sum as shall bring his income to £225, whichever is the less.

Payments to widows of former Members will be from £150 to £225.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON AIR RECORD

London, Apr. 8.—The De Havilland Aircraft and Engine Companies announced today they propose to attack the 100-kilometre closed circuit record, using a D H-108 experimental aircraft with a De Havilland Goblin jet engine, to be flown by Mr. John Perry.

The entry is made jointly with the Ministry of Supply for whom research work with this aircraft is being conducted. The attempt is likely to take place next week over a course in North-Hertfordshire.—Reuter.

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US\$90 Million For New Ships

Washington, Apr. 8.—President Truman will shortly ask Congress to double the appropriation for merchant shipping, raising it to \$180 million, Mr. John Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy, told the House of Representatives today.

Of this sum, he plans to spend \$90 million on new ships. Asked how the United States Navy under the current transfers of shortage justified recent transfers of American tankers to foreign countries, Mr. Sullivan said: "The transfers were made on certain specified terms and to countries from whom we felt reasonably certain we could get the tankers back in case of war."

He disclosed that an American group of seven tankers still held by Russia on March 1, the four biggest had been returned and three others were now on their way.—Reuter.

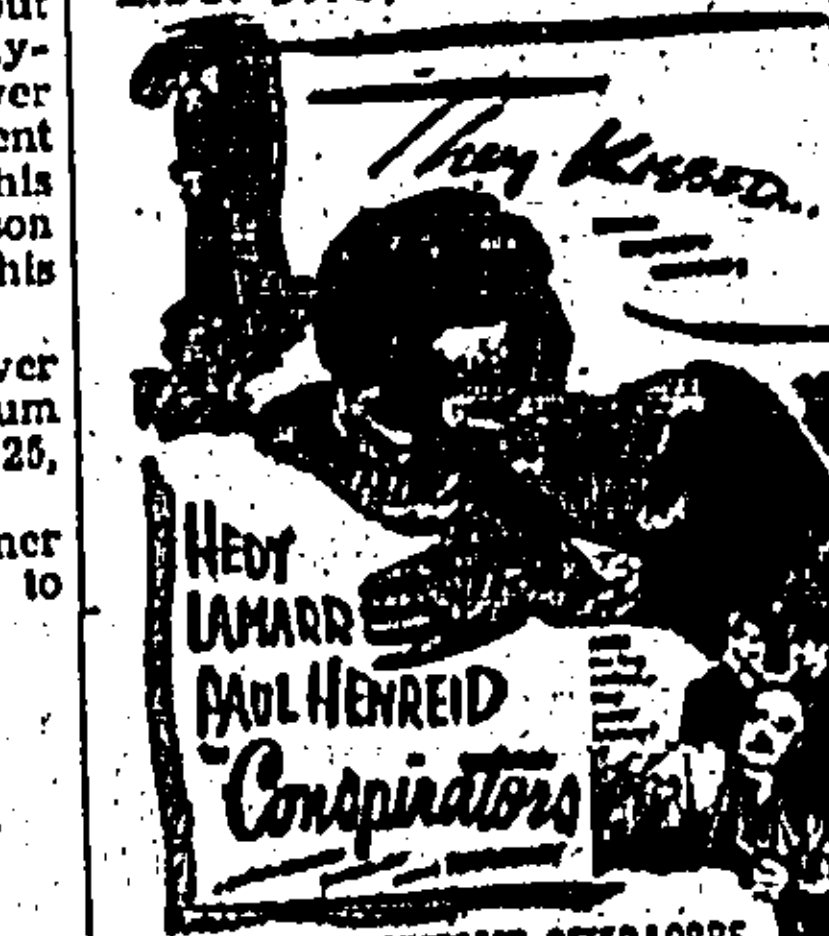
STASSEN WINS

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Apr. 8.—Harold Stassen, Governor of Minnesota and Republican candidate for the U.S. Presidency, was today assured of support from 19 of Wisconsin's 27 National Republican convention delegates.

Virtually complete returns from Wisconsin's primary elections of candidates for the presidential convention, held on Tuesday, showed that General Douglas MacArthur won the remaining eight delegates to the convention and Thomas Dewey none.—Associated Press.

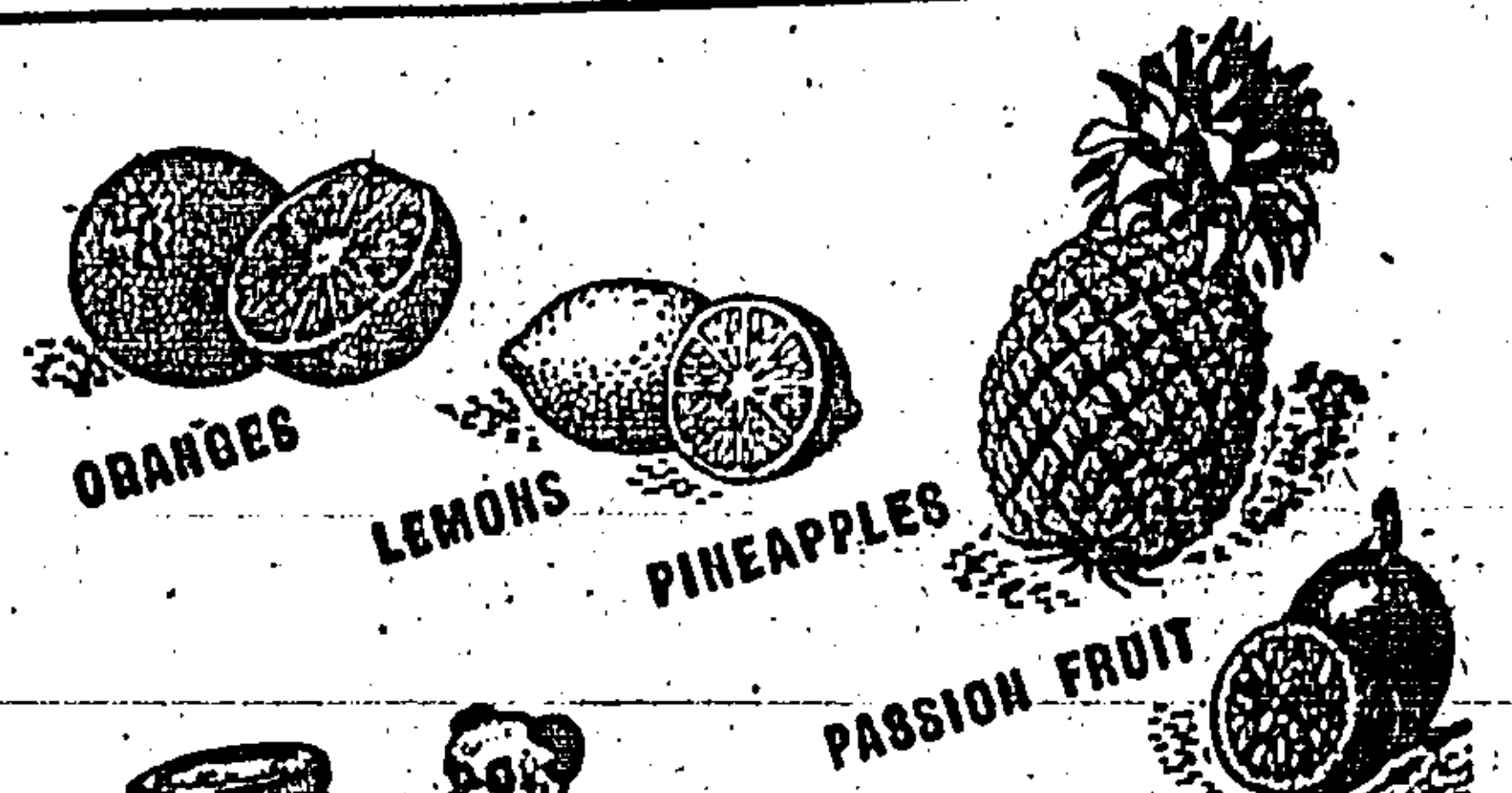
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